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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, our Father, help us to have the right attitude. Keep us from pride that makes us think more highly of ourselves than we should. Save us from false modesty that sometimes moves us in the direction of evading responsibility. Instead, help us to think of ourselves, to think of others, and to think of You as we ought.

Inspire the Members of this body. Let them not be content to wait and see what will happen but give them the determination to make the right things happen. Give them the humility to know that no one has a monopoly on Your truth and that they need each other to discover Your guidance together.

We pray in the Name of the Light of the World. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JIM WEBB led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 21, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WEBB thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business. Senators will be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. There will be no rollcall votes today because of the Passover holiday. Tomorrow at 12 noon, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315, the Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act.

Tomorrow, in addition to the usual recess for the caucus luncheons from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., the Senate will recess from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the unveiling of Majority Leader Daschle's

portrait. This is very traditional. We have done this for each majority leader. That will be from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. I invite all Senators who wish to attend to make themselves available.

On Wednesday, the Senate will recess from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Dr. DeBakey Gold Medal ceremony in the Rotunda. Also on that same day, Admiral Mullen will brief us from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will be in recess from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday. There will be a briefing in room 407.

Again, tomorrow afternoon, we are going to, hopefully, invoke cloture on the veterans' benefits matter, and we will also have the unveiling of Senator Daschle's portrait. From 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., we will be in recess. On Wednesday, we will be in recess from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Dr. DeBakey Gold Medal ceremony and will be in recess from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday for a Senators-only briefing by Admiral Mullen in room S-407. I hope this has allowed staff in the various offices to follow what we are doing.

BREAST CANCER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, maybe an hour ago, my wonderful assistant Janice Shelton said: I have bad news. I said: What is it, Janice? Carol Chadburn worked for me for many years. She was my scheduler. She was a wonderful woman. She was so happy. She loved to have parties at her home

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